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New Orleans, LA 70123-2394

November 23, 2022

Mr. Kyle T. Marks
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Dear Mr. Marks:

Reference is made to Empire Auger 12, LLC's (Empire) Right-of-way (ROW) modification application (TIMSWEB submittal ID: 310003691) received by the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) Pipeline Section on November 15, 2022, for Pipeline Segment Number (PSN) 11228, associated with ROW No. OCS-G 12726.

Specifically, Empire requests a temporary cessation of operations for PSN 11228 until May 14, 2023. PSN 11228 has been out of service since August 18, 2022. The temporary cessation of operations is being requested due to shut in of PSN 11228, since Platform A in Garden Banks Area Block 128 was out of compliance according to API 14C regulations.

The table below describes the pipeline segment pertaining to the application:

PSN	Size (NPS)	Length (feet)	Service	Origin	Termination
11228	12	164,530	Oil	Platform A Garden Banks Area Block 128	12-inch SSTI Eugene Island Area Block 331

Pursuant to 30 CFR 250.1000(b), Empire's application is hereby approved subject to the following conditions:

1. The annual rental required by 30 CFR 250.1012 shall continue to be due and payable in December of each calendar year.
2. If the associated pipeline has not been returned to service and is not being used for the purpose for which the pipeline ROW grant was made by May 14, 2023, the ROW grant shall be deemed expired in accordance with 30 CFR 250.1014. As a reminder, per 30 CFR 250.1010(h), the ROW holder must remove all pipeline segments and accessories associated with ROW No. OCS-G 12726 within one year of the effective date of the relinquishment or forfeiture (i.e. expiration). Furthermore, a decommissioning application must be submitted to the BSEE Pipeline Section to decommission PSN 11228 within 30 days from the effective date of the relinquishment or forfeiture (i.e. expiration).

3. If at any time prior to May 14, 2023, it is determined that the use of PSN 11228 is to be permanently discontinued, an application to decommission the pipeline and relinquish the pipeline ROW shall be submitted to the BSEE Pipeline Section.

Empire is hereby reminded of the following: If PSN 11228 is not returned to service on or before August 18, 2023:

1. Pursuant to 30 CFR 250.1006(b)(2), the subject pipeline segment must be flushed and filled with inhibited seawater.
2. Pursuant to 30 CFR 250.1003(b)(1), the subject pipeline segment must be hydrostatically tested for at least eight (8) hours at a stabilized pressure of a minimum of 1.25 times the Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP) prior to return to service.

Sincerely,

**Richard
James**

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